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Dear General Gehlen,

Almost six months have passed since we bade you farewell and it is difficult to realize that the time has passed so quickly.

Ruth and I did enjoy so much that last afternoon with you and your wife. Shortly thereafter we departed Munich. The trip back was pleasant and our home leave was enjoyable except that it was marred by the death of Ruth's father. However, she spent his last three weeks with him and was grateful that we got home in time. Her father was 82 and had had a full life.

We moved into our former home in Falls Church, Virginia in early September; the children entered school nearby, and I returned to work about mid-September. I believe I told you before my departure that I was destined for the position I held in 1959 which concerns planning activities. I am back at it and reorienting myself.

I was delighted to see that during October the visit of Herr Moeller and Brock materialized. I trust they enjoyed the entire trip. Although I had the privilege of escorting them about Washington and saw them at various social functions, I did not get to see them at the completion of their travels in the United States. I am particularly happy that you chose Herr Moeller to make the trip. The discussions and briefings here in Washington plus a first-hand look at the country should be of assistance to him in his new position in your Service.

Particularly enjoyable in October was the grand reunion party which Heinz held at his home. Not only was it a genuine pleasure to see some of the old Pullach hands who were stationed there with Jim, but it was a real surprise to meet John Boker again after all these years. It was a very nice party.

With Christmas approaching, the thought of parties will make us yearn for Munich. First of all, we shall miss the traditional Christmas dinner at which you were our honored guest for the past five years and at which we always saw Eberhard and Putschen. We did enjoy those evenings so much. Then, too, there was always the large Christmas cocktail party -- the one really large gathering of the year when we were able to mingle with so many members of your Service. I must say that the house at Forstweg 8 provided an ideal setting for such events. It is unfortunate that [] could not have inherited it.

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The mention of the Hartwigs reminds me that I have heard that you have posted him to London. You know, of course, the high esteem in which I hold Eberhard and I consider the British most fortunate in having him as your representative. I trust that someday his assignment will permit him to visit the United States again because we would be delighted to see both him and his wife again.

And speaking of visits, we are looking forward to the day when you choose to visit here again. Perhaps by that time we shall be in our new home. We purchased one in November which is under construction and we expect to occupy it in late March. It is located in Virginia also but now our address will be Vienna, Virginia. Sorry we don't have a Munich around here.

Doctor, I think this will probably reach you by Christmas, but the small remembrance that I am sending will probably arrive late. The press of events here has us jumping this Christmas.

Ruth and I both wish you and your family a most joyous Christmas and holiday season. And may the New Year bring continued good health and success.

Very sincerely,

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